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SUBJECT: LETTER TO GATT DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG

DELEGATION REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO GATT
DIRECTOR-GENERAL LONG: BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG:

IN OUR MEETING OF MAY 25, WE DISCUSSED THE SUBJECT
OF IMPROVING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IN THE
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MTN. YOU INFORMED ME THAT THE GATT SECRETARIAT WAS

REVIEWING SEVERAL SPECIFIC ISSUES IN THE CONTEXT OF FRAME-
WORK IMPROVEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE DEALT WITH SUCCESSFULLY
IN THE MTN. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE ISSUES ON WHICH ANY
SECRETARIAT REVIEW WOULD FOCUS WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE
INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC ISSUES OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE PART OF OUR
NEGOTIATING MANDATE AND REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARIAT TAKE

THESE ISSUES INTO ACCOUNT IN REVIEWING THE GENERAL
QUESTION OF FRAMEWORK IMPROVEMENT. THE AREAS FOR IMPROVE-
MENT LISTED BELOW ARE NOT, OF COURSE, EXCLUSIVE AND THE
LISTING DOES NOT INFER ANY ORDER OF PREFERENCE, AND I
RECOGNIZE THAT SEVERAL OF THESE ISSUES ARE ALREADY BEING
DEALT WITH IN THE TNC NEGOTIATING GROUPS.

(1) IMPROVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARD
PROCEDURES;

(2) IMPROVEMENT IN EXISTING BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS
PROVISIONS (AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION) INCLUDING
THE RECOGNITION OF IMPORT SURCHARGES AS A PERMITTED
TRADE ACTION FOR BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PURPOSES;

(3) THE ADOPTION OF ADEQUATE PROVISIONS GOVERNING
ACCESS TO SUPPLIES, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR
MULTILATERAL PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DENIAL OF FAIR AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SUPPLIES;

(4) IMPROVEMENT IN PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATION AND
DISPUTE SETTLEMENT;

(5) MODIFICATION OF THE DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES
UNDER INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS TO MORE NEARLY
REFLECT THE BALANCE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS;

(6) IMPROVEMENT IN EXISTING PROCEDURES GOVERNING
THE USE OF SUBSIDIES;
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(7) REVIEW OF ISSUES ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH
MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT UNDER TRADE AGREEMENTS
AND THE ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL AND REVERSE
PREFERENCES;

(8) THE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL FAIR LABOR
STANDARDS AND OF PUBLIC PETITION AND CONFRONTATION

PROCEDURES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;

(9) REDRESS OF THE DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXES FOR PURPOSES OF BORDER ADJUSTMENTS; AND

(10) THE EXTENSION OF GATT ARTICLES TO CONDITIONS OF TRADE NOT PRESENTLY COVERED IN ORDER TO MOVE TOWARD MORE FAIR TRADE PRACTICES.

I REALIZE THAT EARLY PROGRESS IN THE MTN ON ALL OF THE ISSUES RAISED ABOVE MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HOLDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON THESE ISSUES.

AS YOU KNOW, AMBASSADOR WALKER WILL BE RESIDING IN GENEVA SHORTLY. HE WILL BE FOLLOWING PERSONALLY THE OVERALL QUESTION OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND HOPES TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH YOU AND THE SECRETARIAT ON THIS ISSUE.

-----SINCERELY,

-----FREDERICK B. DENT.

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